



Life at Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

‘We live our lives like Jesus’

25th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a mask to drop off and collect their child/ren from school. As we know the virus is on the rise and the more vigilant we can be the more we can support everyone. Autumn has definitely arrived this week and I am aware that the staggered start and end of the day doesn't make drop off and collection easy for some families; thank you for your patience and working with us. Unfortunately, as Covid-19 virus continues to spread it would be difficult to send more children home at one time so we do need to continue with the staggers. Please do make sure your child/ren wears a waterproof coat to school.

For much of this week, I have spent time in each of the years 5/6 classrooms, talking to children and their teachers about their work and how they are getting on. I have been impressed by all the children's positive attitudes to learning and the enthusiasm they have shown in their work. Whilst talking to a group of children today, they were telling me how much they were enjoying the challenge of years 5/6 and knew they were making progress in their learning and confidence. We've seen a real improvement in the children's resilience in tackling problem solving in maths and the high quality writing they've produced in their Varmints English unit.

It was also wonderful to hear the children's commitment to our Mission "to live our lives like Jesus" recognise that he is someone they can use to steer their thinking and relationships with others. They also told me how important it is to them that we are a family at Corpus Christi who help and care for each other. I've seen this in action throughout the school and the sense we are all working together to maintain the happy environment at the school.



I look forward to seeing how years 3 and 4 are getting on next week.

**SPECIAL MENU DAY
THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER**

Don't forget to order for the special menu for Thursday! The menu will be Tuna Sandwich, Veg Menu Cheese & Tomato pizza both with Carrot & Cucumber sticks, a piece of fruit and iced sponge and in addition the ice lolly that the school is providing.



Corpus Christi University

This year, we are introducing Corpus Christi University on Friday afternoon for all children in Years 1-6. Each phase team will be running a range of enrichment activities and children will choose which one they do for 3 weeks before they swap to a different activity. Children might not always get their first choice each time but we know they are going to love the projects, which will range from Garageband music, Art, Computing, Catholic Social Teaching Charity Project plus others. As the year goes on we will be celebrating and sharing what we've been doing but our aim is to encourage children to develop their talents, stickability and learn new skills.



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

YEAR R

RE: The children will be continuing the topic of 'Creation'. They will be exploring the Creation story from the bible and be exploring how to look after creation.

Phonics : The children have now learnt the sounds t i n p and next week they will be learning g o c k. They are also focusing on hearing and saying initial sounds for words.

Literacy : The book focus for next week is Julia Donaldson's 'A squash and a squeeze'. The children will be retelling the story, labelling animals and segmenting words to hear the sounds.

Maths : Children will be continuing their number focus of introducing a new number each day. They have been using the 'Number blocks long songs to introduce the numerals for 1-10. They will also be working on comparing groups by counting the objects. They will be learning the vocabulary of most/fewest.

PE : The children will be starting PE lessons next Friday. They will need to come to school in their PE every Friday until further notice.

Reminder: Can all children please bring a waterproof coat, book bag and water bottle to school everyday.



YEAR 1 / 2

RE: children will be continuing their creation learning. They will be focussing on the story of Jonah and the Whale and sequencing the events within the story. They will be thinking about how God calls us to protect His creation.

Writing: The children will continue to explore our new story; Traction Man. Next week they will be focussing on acting and writing in character. They will create questions that they would like to ask Traction Man and will also be writing a diary entry from his point of view. They will continue to focus on capital letters, full stops, finger spaces whilst developing the use of question marks, conjunctions and the use of the pronoun I.

Maths next week the children will continue to focus on place value. They will be counting, building and comparing numbers. In year 1 we will focus on numbers up to 20 and in year 2 they will focus on numbers up to 100. They will build numbers using a variety of resources. Please practise counting in 10's and 5's at home.

YEAR 3 / 4

RE: The children will be exploring how they can be 'Good Stewards' of the world by protecting and looking after God's creation.

English: The children will be starting a new core text 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. They will be exploring how to use descriptive language within poetry and narrative writing.

Maths: next week the children will be comparing and ordering numbers. They will be using the greater than, less than and equal to symbols.

YEAR 5 / 6

RE RE children will learn about the story of Cain & Abel. Our learning will focus on the issues of jealousy and conflict. We will also explore our freedom as human beings to make choices about right and wrong.

English: The children will be applying the figurative language skills they have learning over the past few weeks to write the start of their own dystopian fiction - similar to our Varmints text.

Maths: classes will continue with their addition and subtraction units by developing their estimation and problem

The current spelling card is **ORANGE**.
 All children should have been given these.
 If you need an additional copy, you can
 find these on our school website: children,
 homework, then scroll to the very bottom!

GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS



Ben	Ducks	Thoughtful RE
Iana Angel Kornel Billy Oliver Teyona	Kestrels	Super Maths Sleuths
Maria	Foxes	Fabulous RE writing
Teddy	Hedgehogs	Super star with his phonics
Lilianna	Ducks	Lovely topic work
Mia	Swans	Fantastic writing and drawing of a story about Ug
Jack	Swans	Super hard work, concentration with his maths

Apologies to Kornel and Temi who were entered into the Golden book last week, but their names were incorrectly spelt on the newsletter.

Read Write Inc.

The school has invested in the phonic programme; Read, Write Inc. This is an excellent programme which is implemented across Early Years, KS1 and Lower KS2. A powerpoint presentation has been sent to families with children in these year groups to give you a clear understanding of how this programme will support your child in school.

Mrs Cain



Good Shepherd Award

Hedgehogs	Rupert
Rabbits	Patrick
Squirrels	Malachi
Foxes	Rosie
Wildcats	Daniel
Swans	Tyler
Ducks	Khaled
Otters	Tilly
Kestrels	Nancy
Kites	Connie
Puffins	Leona

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to join us for the Good Shepherd celebration. We are really proud of all the children's positive kindness and support of each other.

Parent Power

Need help and advice on managing your child's behaviour? Come along to a free 5 week course that will take place at The Learning Place, 6 Derby Road, North End on Wednesday afternoons at 12.30pm to 2.30pm from 23rd September to 21st October.

Put the fun back into parenting with some helpful hints and tips to help reduce those stressful moments and manage those difficult situations.

Please see Mrs Tye for information



ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Unfortunately St Edmund's open morning is now fully booked, however, you can go to their website for a virtual tour of the school which will show all the opportunities the school offers.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL FORMS

Can we please remind parents to complete and return the free school meal application form.

We are asking for all parents, regardless of your financial situation to complete this form so that you can be entered into our raffle for a **£50 Tesco voucher**.



Stay at Home' Guidance for Parents and Families

Autumn 2020

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child or anyone else in your household is displaying any of these symptoms, all of your children must not come to school.

To book a Covid Test visit via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus>. Our Family Support worker will maintain regular contact with you and your family during your period of self-isolation; home learning will be emailed to you.

Please inform us of the outcome as soon as you receive your test results.

TRACK AND TRACE APP

For specific information for parents and carers, please look on the school website, you will find it in the Covid-19 Section which you will find under the Parent tab.

